

**FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD ON JULY 08, 2025
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Finance Chair Ramonde Williams.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were: Mayor Thaddeus Jones, City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert.

Mayor Jones Report Mayor Jones commented regarding the grant report that was issued to the council. Mayor Jones reported on the status of the City of Calumet City's finances; reporting to the council that there would need to be some cuts made and new forms of revenue would need to be introduced.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Finance Director John Kasperek Finance Director John Kasperek gave a detailed explanation of the budget process and a list of the future meetings that will take place with department heads.

Discussion and Review of 2024-2025 Annual Appropriation Finance Director John Kasperek led a discussion and review of the 2024-2025 Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the following Departments:

- A) Revenues
- B) Legislative
- C) Executive
- D) City Clerk
- E) Finance
- F) Purchasing/Personnel Department
- G) Legal Department
- H) Insurance Department

City Treasurer Tarka City Treasurer Tarka commented regarding the city's option to implement additional taxes; those possible taxes include a food and beverage tax, a streaming, and rideshare taxes, in addition there's the ability to increase the Motor Fuel tax; with these increases the city could decrease it's deficit.

Alderman Gardner "I think we need to have the hard conversation of making cuts where its needed as far as our expenditures, because our expenditures are pretty high. I'm for revenue increases but our residents just faced a significant tax hike in property taxes. So, we are going to impose taxes on them to compensate our overspending or increase their taxes. Just make the cuts where they are needed as far as our expenditures."

Mayor Jones Mayor Jones stated the revenue the city receives from property taxes has decreased significantly and that is a large portion of the deficit.

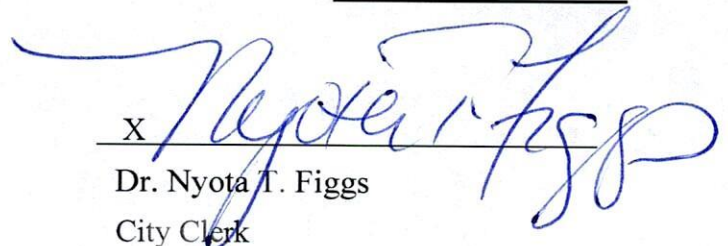
Alderwoman Wilson Alderwoman Wilson inquired about billing Burnham more for the cost of transferring water.

Treasurer Tarka Treasurer Tarka stated that he will be looking at all options to increase the City's revenue not just increasing or adding taxes.

Mayor Jones Mayor Jones announced the next meeting dates will be July 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

Adjournment Alderwoman Wilson moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey at 8:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk